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To VIKTOR[i].

LOUIS' [LUI][ii] memorandum which we passed to you in number 2[a] was dated 22 December. We have now received a letter of 15 November of LOUIS' addressed to VARDO[iii] which he passed to ELSA [EL'ZA] [iv] via HELMSMAN's [RULEVOJ][v] brother's wife. We are transmitting extracts:

"The business, in which we all had great hopes, has reached the stage when immediate intervention on an authoritative level is required..... the 130,000 [dollar][b] investment is exhausted; in view of the poor business management and misguided artistic temperament unsuitable for conducting a very systematic business this sum is not enough, which allows one to envision future prospects as very dubious in this case. Unless steps are taken to control this business or a man is found who as an experienced production manager would show farsightedness and impart stability to the business it .... will be almost or wholly useless for our purposes ..... my partner ignores my advice; my endeavors lead almost or completely to nothing and even evoke disdain ..... of course relations between myself and my partner remain cordial and this criticism does not affect his devotion and political stability ..... my partner

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business ..... in order to look objectively at our past mistakes, our present position and plans for the future ....."

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Notes: (a) Not available.

(b) Inserted by translator.

Comments: (1) VIKTOR: Lt. Gen. P. M. FITIN.

(ii) LOUIS: Alfred K. STERN.

(iii) VARDO: Elizabeth ZUBILIN.

(iv) ELSA: Probably Helen LOWRY (Mrs. Iskhak Abdulovich AKhMEROV), niece of Earl BROWDER.

(v) HELMSMAN: Earl BROWDER.

(vi) MAY: Stepan Zakharovich APRESYAN.

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